(ख) क्या इस योजना के विहित सिद्धांतों में परिवर्तन करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान इस योजना के अन्तर्गत उत्तर प्रदेश को जारी की गई धनराशि का उपयोग नहीं किया गया था ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) : (क) उत्तर प्रदेश में वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान विधिक सहायता स्कीम से 4,51,714 व्यक्तियों को फायदा प्राप्त हुआ है ।

(ख) विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण अधिनियम, 1987 में, जो अभी प्रवृत होना है, विधिक सहयता की पात्रता के लिये आय की अधिकतम सीमा को, यदि मामला उच्चतम न्यायालय से भिन्न न्यायालय के समक्ष है, तो 6000 रु० प्रति वर्ष से बढ़ाकर 9000 रु० प्रति वर्ष या ऐसी उच्चतर रकम, जो राज्य सरकार द्वारा विहित की जाए और यदि मामला उच्चतम न्यायालय के समक्ष है तो 9000 रू० प्रति वर्ष से बढ़ाकर 12000 रु० प्रति वर्ष या ऐसी उच्चतर रकम जो केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा विहित की जाए, करने का उपबंध है ।

(ग) दिये गये धन का पूरी तरह से उपयोग किया गया है ।

(घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Issue of Identity Cards to Voters

5958. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) by when the work relating to issue of identity cards to Indian citizens for the purpose of casting votes at elections is likely to be completed;

(b) the States where the work of issuing of identity cards has commenced;

(c) the States where it has not yet started and the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether guidances have been issued to States for the issue of Identity Cards. if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. H. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Election Commission has issued detailed instructions/guidelines for issuance of photo identity cards to all electors. These *inter-alia*, provide that the entire expenditure on issuance of photo identity card is to be initially borne by the concerned State Governments and subsequently half of the expenditure is to be reimbursed by the Central Government. According to the time schedule prescribed by the Election Commission, the work relating to the distribution of cards of electors is to be completed by 30-11-94.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on on the Table of the House.

Funding of poll expenses by Govt.

5959. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI BISHAMBHARNATH PANDE:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose funding of poll expenses in the country in view of the increase in complaints from various quarters about the amount of money that has been pumped during the election times by various political parties and candidates; and

(b) if so, when the said scheme will be brought forth for controlling the election process in the country?